

MEETING Thursday, January 29, 2015  
(Meeting of January 26, 2015 postponed to January 29, 2015 due to snow storm)

TIME 5:48 PM

PLACE Attles Meeting Room  
459 Broadway

PRESIDING OFFICER Mayor David P. Maher

PRESENT Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Benzan,  
Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley,  
Mazen, McGovern, Simmons and  
Toomey

ABSENT None

***Mayor Maher announced that the meeting was being recorded with visual and audio devices.***

PRESENTATIONS None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

SUBMISSION OF THE MINUTES On a motion by Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Simmons the submission of the minutes for the December 8, 2014, December 15, 2014, January 5, 2015 and the January 12, 2015 were accepted on a voice vote of five members.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment from City Council Meeting of January 29, 2015

Lori Lander, 74 Fayerweather Street, Elizabeth Bartle, 45 Belleview Avenue, and Leslie Bliss, spoke on Resolution #62. Elizabeth Bartle gave an update on the MLK Day of Service. She noted that this event has grown to over 2,000 volunteers. She stated that many city departments and businesses were involved in this effort. She stated that a crowd of more than 1,000 people gathered for the welcome gathering and then volunteered at different locations. Blankets,

scarves, activity kits and personal care kits were made. She noted that these gifts will reach more than 10,000 people.

Leslie Bliss spoke about MLK Day of Service. She stated that food bags were distributed to twelve food pantries in the City of Cambridge. She highlighted that this initiative is imperative to raise awareness.

Lori Lander, 74 Fayerweather Street, stated that in the six days after the MLK Day of Service, dozens of stitchers finished blankets and scarves in their homes. She stated that more than two dozen people picked up the blankets and scarves and delivered more than 400 before the blizzard hit.

Jean-Dany Joachim, 178 Larch Road, spoke on Resolution #85. He stated that after the events in Staten Island and Ferguson, he wanted to try something to unite people through conversation. He stated that he felt rage, sadness and many feelings. He stated that people must unite and continue the conversation over race relations. He stated that he wrote many Haikus.

Jessica Lander spoke on Resolution #85. The hope is to start a conversation about race and justice. They are supported by a grant and they are supported by Many Helping Hands and the Cambridge Arts Council. They have created poetry workshops across the city. They created a website so people could contribute with their thoughts and poems. They have gathered over 200 poems with a culmination of poetry workshops during MLK Day of Service. 1200 copies of their book were made and they are sharing this book across the city. The hope is that this will spark conversation.

Emily Dexter gave an overview of work that has been done in the STEAM working group. She stated that discussions included how to create equal access for youth, adult and children. She stated that included in Policy Order #25 are concrete recommendations. She stated that there are excellent programs currently that will be the foundation of the work. She stated that this is about adopting a research and development mindset.

Eli Tucker-Raymond stated that he is member of the STEAM working group. He stated that STEAM puts focus of learning on creativity. The arts and sciences are characterized by creativity. He stated that in addition to creative participation, STEAM is focused on what learners bring to the table. It involves taking risks. He stated that in his work with adults, his team has conducted interviews with persons who consider themselves “makers.” He stated that a citywide effort that focuses on STEAM learning opportunities will help to bring this about.

Joan Abrams stated that in the past eleven years she has observed pockets of great success but it is only in a small part of the student population. She noted that real world exposure is required for expanding perspectives.

Marshall Milner stated that he is member of STEAM working group. He stated that in Boston there is an innovation center that has been established. Half of the building is occupied by the Boston Public district and the other half will be occupied by start-ups. These start-ups will engage with the young people of the Boston Public School system. He stated that for issues of equity and opportunity so that all citizens are literate and can contribute to the wealth that is around us, we must engage the STEAM philosophy.

Randy Stern, 12 Kenwood Street, spoke in opposition to Calendar Item #4. He stated that he is long-term resident of Cambridge. He stated that the city's goals for sustainability is to encourage modes of transportation where carbon is not being burned. This option should not be taken off the table. He stated that for him it means a separated bicycle track on Pearl Street. He stated that there are residents with a lot of concerns and the City needs to have the opportunity to plan and adapt so that it can be more sustainable. He stated that saying that the City should not go forward is the wrong thing to do. He encouraged Community Development Department to come up with options to meet the needs of all in the city.

Steven Miller, 92 Henry Street, spoke on Charter Right Item #4. He stated that it is interesting that people on both sides of this issue have concerns. He stated that a survey pointed out that Pearl Street is a very important route. He stated that there are not streets that have good facilities. He stated that when you put in a bike lane, traffic slows down. He stated that people who live on the street are worried about finding a place to park. A dedicated cycle track would be a big push for a lot of people. Community Development Department deserves credit for coming up with a compromise which will not make everyone happy but is a reasonable compromise. He urged the City Council not to short-circuit this discussion.

Deborah Ruhe, Just A Start, spoke on City Manager Agenda Item #22. She stated her support for this agenda item.

Megan Ramey, 457 Mount Auburn Street, spoke on City Manager Item #5. She stated that her daughter bikes to school every day. She stated that her plea is a plea for happiness. If the city adopts the complete streets guidelines, residents would be happier in the long run. She stated that she talks too many of her female friends and they are scared to ride a bike. She stated that for the sake of wellbeing, she would love for the city to adopt the bike network plan and complete streets guidelines.

Leslie Bliss, Mothers Out Front, stated that this organization was founded two years ago in Cambridge. She stated that what is missing is the political will. She stated that mothers bring a powerful voice. This is a grassroots movement in Massachusetts. She stated that they have hosted 36 gatherings to address the climate crisis. She noted that she has switched her home to clean electricity. She stated that unchecked climate changes poses threats to the continued existence of humanity. She urged the City Council to move to clean electricity.

Beth Adams stated that she is a member of Mothers Out Front. She stated her support for Policy Order #18. She stated that she has thought about her son's future and is angry and ready for action. She stated that this grassroots movement gets people to act. She stated that the City Council needs to help. She stated that her family has made the switch to clean energy. She stated that this group has met with Governor Patrick. This will not happen at the state level without the support of local officials. She would like to see more climate leadership. She stated her support for Policy Order #18 and asked for unanimous support.

Rachel Wyon, 283 Sydney Street, spoke on Policy Order #18. She stated that she is a member of Mothers Out Front. She stated that the city has the opportunity to make a new contract with clean, renewable energy. She stated that Cambridge needs to be a leader for the state and the

nation. She stated that many other cities have done this and there is much to be learned. She asked City Councillors to consider switching their homes to clean, renewable energy.

Ann Shumway stated her support for Policy Order #18. She stated that she is concerned about the damage that humans have done to Earth. She stated that her family is concerned about the environment and looking at how to protect the Earth. She stated that as a member of Mothers Out Front, she asks the City Council to adopt this order.

Robin Chase, 40 Cottage Street, spoke on Calendar Item #4. She stated that she is the founder of Zipcar. She stated that she is in support of the words of Mothers Out Front. She stated that 80% of vehicle trips are less than three miles. She stated that this infrastructure will last for 25 years so we must build for the future. The vehicle miles travelled peaked in 2004. Car registrations have declined in the city. She asked all present to observe cars that have not been dug out of the snow. There are many people who store cars who do not use them every day.

Maria Pantazopoulos, 225 Pearl Street, spoke on City Manager Item #5. She stated that she opposes the daytime parking restrictions on Pearl Street. She stated that she has gotten four responses from City Councillors. She stated that she believes the study is flawed. She stated that there are many times that she finds difficulty during the day to find parking near her home. She stated that to have to walk a distance with children, groceries and toddlers is a burden. She stated that it is easy to inconvenience cars and drivers. She commented that the bicycle lane is not used year round as there is a decrease in the fall and winter months. She stated that parking is difficult in the area when there is a snow emergency. She stated that if the city insists on putting in bicycle lanes, they should consider hiring persons to enforce bicycle rules.

Lauren Donahue, 32 Calvin Street, spoke on Calendar Item #4. She stated her support of the complete streets. She stated that she spends most of her waking hours in Cambridge. She stated that she rides the city streets daily. She stated that bike trends are on the rise. She stated that as a bike commuter, she knows all too well when the bike lanes disappear from her path. She stated the need for safe bicycle infrastructure. She stated that Cambridge is a city that stands for progress and should adapt infrastructure to better facilitate bicycle safety.

Michael O'Brien, 3 Crawford Street, stated that it is better to bike to Trader Joe's than it is to drive a car. Biking is growing on its own. He stated that biking will continue to increase around the world and it is better if it is safe. He stated that the bike stands around the city are full and that practical aspects should be addressed. Regarding the smoking ban, he stated that second-hand smoke will not bother people in the Cambridge Common. He asked the smoking ban to be repealed.

Terry Regan, 329 Pearl Street, spoke on Charter Right Item #5. He stated that he does not have a driveway. He thanked Councillor Toomey for this order. He stated that if you look at Pearl Street, it can deal with mixed traffic. He stated that there has only been one accident on Pearl Street in the last three years. He stated that we do not have to segregate everybody through everything. He stated that people speed more when wide lanes are empty.

Ben Clarke, 11 Centre Street, spoke on City Manager Agenda #22. He offered his support for the community benefits and mitigation plan. That process should be preceded by a community

assessment. He stated that this cycle of research and action is the only chance to move the needle on some of Cambridge's biggest problems.

Samy Herbawi, 80 River Street, spoke on Unfinished Business Item #15. He stated that we should not take rights from individuals who choose to smoke. He stated that many people cannot come to meetings to voice their opinions. He stated that this ban should not be passed and his belief is that there are more important issues for the City Council. He stated that no one has proved that second-hand smoking can be harmful. He stated that there are many things that are more harmful. He stated that when he came to Cambridge, it was perfect for him because it is very diverse which is what makes it a great city.

Rebecca Schofield, 7 Saville Street, spoke on Calendar Item #4. She stated that she is in support of a complete streets approach.

Eli Yarden, 143 Pleasant Street, spoke on City Manager Agenda #23. He stated that the order to name the second floor meeting room in honor of Bayard Rustin is an action that brings back many memories of who Bayard was as a person. He stated that he was a mentor to Martin Luther King. He stated that he loved music and together with MLK fought for equal rights.

Shelly Rieman, 201 Franklin Street, spoke on Policy Order #18. She stated that she is a member of the Cambridge Residents Alliance (CRA). She stated that the CRA wants to preserve the diversity, quality of life, and neighborhood identity. She stated that a towering apartment building in Central Square would be an eyesore. She would like the linkage fee raised. Regarding the Pearl Street bike lane, she would like a pause on that decision until a Master Plan is complete. She stated that regarding Policy Order #18, she made the switch to clean, renewable energy. She asked the City Council to pass this order.

Joe Poirier, 78 Highland Avenue, spoke on Calendar Item #4. He stated that he fully supports a more friendly design on Pearl Street. He stated that a compromise option is disconcerting to him. He stated that in City Hall Annex, they have brochures that discourage single-occupancy vehicles. He stated that losing parking on Pearl Street will be a minor inconvenience. He stated that we cannot make infrastructure choices based upon anecdotal evidence. He stated that now is the time for the city to look at the parking policy. He stated that the city should look at zoned parking.

Julianne Schwarzer, 219 Pearl Street, spoke on City Manager Agenda #5. She stated that she is not here to speak on behalf of bikes, cars or busses. She feels that the planning process has been flawed. She stated that a complete street process should include other considerations such as storm water. She stated that she is concerned about the lack of outreach to the residents of Pearl Street. She proposed that the City take another look and reevaluate in order to understand the complete situation.

Gloria Korsman, 91 Montgomery Street, spoke on Calendar Item #4. She spoke in support of this plan. She stated that Pearl Street is her preferred way to get around Central Square and Memorial Drive. She stated that something progressive must be done.

Selvin Chambers, 137 Putnam Avenue, spoke on Policy Order #27. He stated that he takes great pride in Cambridge being culturally sensitive. He stated that he would like the City Council to change the name of Area 4 to what it used to be, The Port.

Risa Mednick, 20 Maple Avenue, Executive Director, Transition House, spoke on City Manager Agenda #22. She stated her support of the plan of the community benefits and mitigation plan. She stated that for over two years, the Cambridge Non-Profit Coalition has brought together over 50 non-profits as a group dedicated to building a collective voice and collaboration for enhancing the community. She stated that Transition House is a founding member of the Cambridge Nonprofit Coalition which was created in 2012 with a mission to strengthen the Cambridge nonprofit sector by building a collective voice and promoting collaboration in order to meet changing needs and improve the quality of life for the community. She stated that by working together we can leverage community resources to both better identify and quantify community needs, prioritize them conscientiously and drive policies to tackle tough problems in a sustainable way. She stated that collectively, a better job can be done to alleviate the social and economic injustices that hold many in the community back. She stated that creating a fair and transparent Community Benefits plan is one part of an evolving strategy. She urged the City Council to support this plan.

Corinne Espinoza, 5 Callendar Street, stated that she endorses the City Manager's Agenda #22.

Jason Stackman, 103 Gore Street, spoke on Calendar Item #4. He encouraged the city not to rule out a bicycle-related plan. He stated that he does drive but primarily uses a bicycle. He stated that parking is a privilege, not an entitlement. He stated that the City has a mandate to use public spaces in a way that is just and sustainable. He stated that the City needs to look at the big picture. If Cambridge is to become a model sustainable city, we need to take bold steps and make sacrifices when necessary.

Denise Sullivan, 321 Pearl Street, spoke on City Manager Agenda #5. She stated her family has been on Pearl Street since 1886. She stated that there is a pro to the Pearl Street re-do which will finally eliminate potholes. She noted that she has some concerns about the survey. She commented that the restriction of parking would be a very difficult situation for older residents and younger families. She stated that she thinks that vehicular speed would be increased. She stated that this plan would have a severe impact for family engagement at the Morse School.

Steve Helfer, 3 Crawford Street, spoke on City Manager Agenda #6. He stated that other than persons associated with state or city tobacco control departments, no one has spoken in favor of these restrictions. He stated that he is grateful to the City Council for a less-restrictive outdoor ban. He stated that to denormalize smoking is to denormalize smokers. This exacerbates deep divides in the city. He stated that small parks are the ones most needed by the homeless. He stated that for homeless smokers, places such as Au Bon Pain with outdoor restaurant seating are very important. He would not like smokers restricted more than they are currently restricted.

Nancy Ryan, 4 Ashburton Place, spoke on City Manager Agenda #23. She stated that the Cambridge Residents Alliance is pleased the study is complete.

Lee Farris, 269 Norfolk Street, spoke on City Manager Agenda #23. She stated that the CRA had supported increasing the linkage fee since their 2013 platform as well as the temporary increase that did not pass. She stated that the CRA remains committed to playing a positive and active role in increasing public engagement with the process of planning and creating the Cambridge of

the future. She stated that the results of the focus group process with its recommendations provide a guide for progress that cannot come too soon.

Matthew Cunha, 8 Sacramento Street, spoke on Calendar Item #4. He stated that safety is a concern and he would like to see more separated bike lanes. He stated that he is all for people collecting money for bikers who run red lights and break the rules of the road. He stated that raising the linkage fee to fund public housing would be great. He stated that people should be able to make their own decisions as it relates to tobacco.

Ilan Levy, 148 Spring Street, spoke on City Manager Agenda #24. He stated that the proposal put forth by the City Manager ignores a number of requests that the City Council has made. He requested that the City Council push the City Manager to come up with another proposition and state that the monies are not sufficient and should be more.

Sue Butler, 14 Clinton Street, spoke on Policy Order #18. She thanked the City Council for Policy Order #18. She stated that she has worked to ask that electricity be evaluated. She stated that the city should be buying local, renewable energy. She commented that there is plenty available and the cost is less than non-renewable energy. She would like the city be an entirely municipal energy user.

James Williamson, 1000 Jackson Place, stated that regarding Policy Order #18 it is important to think about public transportation when thinking about Pearl Street. Regarding City Manager Agenda #3, he stated that the city has not fixed the safety issues. He stated that this issue has been discussed for years and no one wants to do anything about it because they see this as getting in the way of their agenda. Regarding City Manager Agenda #1, he stated that it is time for the City Council to reassert its authority over the Cambridge Housing Authority.

Emily Wieja, 11 Franklin Street, spoke on City Manager Agenda #6. She stated that 20% of the parks would have a smoking ban. She stated that this would open the door for greater prohibition in the future. She stated that she is concerned that this will lead to banning smoking on sidewalks in the future and questioned where this will end.

Nancy Adams, 327 Pearl Street, spoke on Calendar Item #4. She stated that she is a 30-year bike commuter and user of public transportation. She stated that she is pro-bike and is concerned about the safety as her family bikes in the city. She does not believe that Pearl Street requires an additional bike lane. She stated that the data does not support the decision to add a bike lane. She read a statement from her neighbor. She stated that the community was not consulted adequately.

John Sanzone, 540 Memorial Drive, spoke on Calendar Items #4, #23 and #24. He stated that the CRA is breaking ground in a few months on the first section of the Grand Junction Path to be built between Main Street and Broadway. He stated that Policy Order #23 helps put resources into completing the overall Grand Junction Path which will serve two neighborhoods that are in particular need for environmental and transportation justice. He stated that the creation of a Grand Junction overlay district services important purposes such as putting resources toward the completion of the path and giving the city the opportunity to think about the integration of the path into the surrounding transportation network and neighborhoods. He stated that the Pearl

Street reconstruction provides an opportunity to contribute to the reduction of reliance on automobiles.

Paul Neff, 18 Ware Street #23, stated that he has been coming to the smoking ban hearings for approximately thirteen years. He stated that he has noticed that what passes for debate is “everybody is doing it” argument. He stated that it is assumed that all non-smokers agree with the goal of the anti-smoking movement.

Richard Mandel, 307 Pearl Street, spoke on Calendar Item #5. He stated that he has commuted to work by bicycle for over thirty years. He expressed his opposition to the Pearl Street plan. He stated that he bikes and walks Pearl Street daily. The proposal for a bike lane does not make sense to him. There are already dedicated bike lanes on Sidney and Western Avenue. He stated that the problem with biking on Pearl Street is the condition of the road surface. He stated that this can be solved by resurfacing the road. He stated that many of his neighbors do not have off-street parking. He stated that Pearl Street below Chestnut Street will become particularly terrible as the side streets all lead one way in the wrong direction. This will become a daily hardship. He stated that Pearl is a residential street, particularly near the river. Reconstruction should support the residential character of the neighborhood.

Paul Vermouth, 24 Corporal McTernan, stated that the Ward 5 Democratic Committee voted not to support the complete streets plan. He stated that it places an unfair burden on Pearl Street residents and will have the effect of pushing parking into the neighborhood. He stated that he has read an e-mail from one of the City Councillors saying this may not work. He stated that he does not think the complete streets plan is a compromise plan, it is an initial plan. He stated that Councillor Toomey’s resolution should be supported.

Rachael Ann Worden spoke on the smoking issue. She stated that she is of the impression that this is an international effort to denormalize the use of tobacco. She stated that this tinkers with people’s cultures the world over. She stated that there are many serious health conditions that are being neglected. She stated that she understands that young people are diving into the use of marijuana head first. She stated that another problem of health that is not dealt with is autism. She stated that this condition is rampant with more than 1 in 100 being diagnosed with autism. She stated that the anti-smoking movement is agenda driven.

Dylan Russell, 40 Cottage Street, stated that bike lanes on neighboring Sidney Street and Western Avenue should preclude one on Pearl Street. He stated that he opposes Calendar Item #4. He stated that he lives on a street off of Pearl Street and he avoids biking on Pearl Street. He stated that as a city we want to be moving away from high car ownership. The city can incentivize this via higher permit costs. He stated that another idea is a permit buyback program. He noted that if we build for bikes, more people will bike. He urged the City Council to consider a bike lane on Pearl Street.

Hasson Rashid, 820 Massachusetts Avenue, spoke on City Manager Agenda #24 and Calendar Items #5 and #14. He spoke about the Foundry Building meeting the needs of the homeless sector. He stated that this could be transformed for the homeless. This is a structure that is available for rehabilitation. He stated that it is a shame if municipal planning in the future does not adequately include the high priority issues of the local homeless sector.



Laura Kirschner stated her opposition to the Pearl Street bike lanes. She stated that she drives down Pearl Street a lot of the time but she does not see many bikers. Many of these bikers will move over. She stated that there is no need for a bike lane.

Ralph Yoder, Rindge Avenue, stated that Cambridge has been a place that protects people. He stated that he sees that 18-21 year olds are being restricted on everything. He stated that if youth can go to war, we should not place restrictions on them. He stated that Cambridge should be a city that brings happiness to all. He stated that smokers and non-smokers should respect each other. He stated that he smokes occasionally.

Donald Campos, 8 Rockingham Street, stated that he works in Central Square and the North End. He noted that he does not have to be present in his office in Cambridge at 8:00 a.m. He stated that he has been biking for twenty-five years. He said that bike lanes are not safe for bikers as they give one the false security that you have your own lane. He stated that he tries to ride at the speed of a car. He stated that he rides in traffic. He noted that his concern in riding in a bike lane is that they always think it is safe and it is not. He stated that it is not safe to put a bike lane on Pearl Street.

Christine Agnetti, 342 Pearl Street, stated that it is not an obscene privilege to think that a person has on-street parking near their home. She stated that not everyone is in shape to be riding a bicycle. She stated that better bus shelters would be an improvement for those who cannot ride a bike. She stated that public transportation is much more beneficial for people. She stated that she reads the Boston Globe and she did not have any idea that this parking ban was coming before the City Council. There should be more outreach to the community before any decisions are made.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Agenda # 3 Order adopted 8 - 0 - 1 (Councillor McGovern)  
Agenda # 7 Placed on file  
Agenda #12 Order adopted 8 - 0 - 1 (Councillor McGovern)  
Agenda #13 Order adopted 8 - 0 - 1 (Councillor McGovern)  
Agenda #15 Placed on file  
Agenda #19 Order adopted 8 - 0 - 1 (Councillor McGovern)  
Agenda #21 Placed on file

## **NON CONSENT AGENDA**

Agenda # 1 Insert Agenda One read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley stated that in the past the City Council has had discussions about how the City Council should handle nominations of board members which the City Council has approval authority. These include board members of the Cambridge Housing Authority and the Redevelopment Authority. He stated that the City Council should have a meeting to discuss these appointments. He recommended that this be referred to the Housing Committee for a discussion of what is needed in a Housing Authority board. Councillor Mazen stated that he remembers that this was discussed previously and that the next time an appointee came up it would

be discussed as a body. Councillor Simmons stated that if this is the pleasure of the City Council she would take this matter up in the Housing Committee. Mayor Maher added that appointments fall under the authority of the City Manager. The City Manager has made a recommendation and he trusts the City Manager.

City Manager Rossi stated that the appointee will continue to serve; he will be a holdover. He commented that this person has been a forty year member of CHA Board. He is currently the chair of the board. He suggested making the appointment and then discuss this issue later. Councillor Simmons added that the City Council requested having more conversation on this matter.

Councillor Toomey stated that he would vote against this. This is the authority and purview of the City Manager. The City Council hires the City Manager to make these decisions. This is a precedent being set. Mayor Maher stated that this is an appointment to be confirmed by the City Council. City Manager Rossi stated that there are two boards that are subject to City Council confirmation, the CRA and the Cambridge Housing Authority. The other appointments he notifies the City Council. He stated that he was ready to make this appointment subject to City Council confirmation. Councillor Toomey noted that either the City Council respects the judgment of the City Manager or it does not.

Councillor Kelley stated that these are appointments given to the City Council to approve and should be discussed. It is important that the City Council discuss this.

Agenda # 1 Referred to the Housing Committee for a hearing on motion of Councillor Kelley. The motion carried on a voice vote of six. Councillor Toomey and Mayor Maher were recorded in the negative on this matter.

Agenda # 2 Insert Agenda Two read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan noted that an additional hearing on this petition was scheduled for February 5, 2015.

Agenda #2 Referred to petition on motion of Vice Mayor Benzan.

Agenda # 4 Insert Agenda Four read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Cheung asked when the data would be available to determine a trend line from 2007 to present. Mr. Murphy stated that he would get the information for Councillor Cheung. He stated that it is his belief that this data is collected every three years. Councillor Cheung suggested that the data be broken into percentages. Councillor Mazen stated that he wanted Arabs to be counted as minority businesses; they are rarely counted. The next time this survey is done it would be good to know this data. Mr. Murphy stated that he would see if this data is available through the typical sources used. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that he was shocked that Latinos are not included in the data. He questioned the

number of Black or African owned businesses in the survey. He felt that the number is high. There are no minority or Latino owned businesses in Central Square. He wanted current data. He questioned what a minority owned business is. He wanted this defined. He asked if there was data that indicated that small businesses were started by native Cantabrigians. He asked what the time line for the collection of current data is. Mr. Murphy stated that business are not only brick and mortar establishments; they are also service establishments. There is no differentiating between businesses. He did not know how long it will take to get the data from the 2013 economic census. He is unsure how native Cantabrigians business can be determined but would look into it. Vice Mayor Benzan wanted more done to grow businesses. Councillor Simmons spoke about the outreach done by Community Development for minority and women owned business directories. She spoke of the Buy Cambridge initiative done previously. She shared the concerns on who these business owners are. She spoke about business owners who work at home. The question is how we effectively reach these businesses. She is interested in how this is grown and to get this information to better utilize the goods and services provided by these businesses for the City.

Agenda # 4 Placed on file.

Agenda # 5 Insert Agenda Five read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that there has been testimony on both sides of this issue. He believes in increasing public safety for pedestrians and bicyclist. He stated that he does not support this project 100%. He supports renovations to sidewalks and street but more conversation is needed with the neighborhood on the conversion of a lane to a bike lane. This is the first he has heard about restricting parking. He question how can parking be restricted on main thoroughfares. He wanted to know the cost to the City; how more resources can be focused on the Grand Junction Path which would be more beneficial to the entire City rather than this one street. He asked what the connectivity is with the other streets and bike paths. He does not see people using the cycle track on Vassal Street. Western Avenue is down to one lane because of the snow. The cycle track was not plowed. All the money that is being spent on cycle tracks and what is it getting the City and what is the connectivity. He asked why bike lanes and cycle tracks are not included in the master plan in order to create the safest bike and cycle tracks in the City. He asked how much of the retired or elderly community have been included in this process. This process needs to be opened up and to include the community. He supports complete streets, but this requires more information. He wants to make sure that there is community input. This is a public transportation conversation. This process needs to be reopened. He stated that this is a major change to the neighborhood. Councillor Simmons asked if the work can be finished with or without the bike lane. Deputy City Manager Peterson noted that the two options being proposed are the day-time bike lane and from a construction standpoint this is the same plan. It is the traffic regulation and how it is signed that would be different and there is more time to

make this decision. There is time to make this decisions this does not need to be signed now and the construction will take some time to complete. City Manager Rossi stated that construction does not rule out either option. A final conclusion has not been reached. It is worthy of more process and information gathering. It has been communicated to the public that the City has not completed its information gathering process. The process will be broadened. The City needs to take its time and to get it right. Councillor Simmons stated that people are worried about losing parking spaces in Cambridgeport. She has concern about the bike lane. There will be more conversation about the bike lane, which is the key issue. A development is coming on line on Sidney Street at Allston Street and Putnam Avenue which includes some parking spaces. She wanted this development and its impact to be considered with the renovations to Pearl Street. She supported the improvements to Pearl Street but has concerns with the bike lane and the traffic trends on Pearl Street. City Manager Rossi explained that the sidewalk improvements to Pearl Street are in the budget. Councillor Toomey stated that he does not think that this is the appropriate location for this type of change. He stated that there are many other streets that should be addressed before this street. He spoke about the major accidents that occur on Mass. Avenue and Prospect Street. He stated he is against taking parking spaces away on Pearl Street. A cycle track is going to permanently take away parking spaces. Mr. Murphy stated that a cycle track would eliminate parking spaces. What is being contemplated on Pearl Street is a daytime bike lane of the base plan option. Both options contain the same construction. A full time bike lane would be a different construction process that is not being contemplated at this time. He spoke about the Grand Junction Multi-use Path being more feasible and that Pearl Street was not the appropriate location for this bike path. The negative impact to the neighborhood and families is too much. Councillor McGovern stated that he is pleased that the conversation is continuing on this matter. He questioned if eliminating 130 parking spaces is being realistic and it is also not realistic to expect to get a parking space outside their home. The idea that everyone is biking is not real. He worries about this. He does not know how the parking spaces are being taken away on Pearl Street. He hopes that this does not happen. Mr. Murphy stated that correspondence has been received on both sides of this issue. He will answer the questions and review the survey before the 108 parking spaces are restricted during the daytime. Councillor Carlone commented that when you start a study it is hard to get people involved. The physical construction is the same and could be modified over time. On the transportation committee discussion list is the City's bicycle plan. He is pleased that the City is expanding its thinking even though there is push back with new transportation modes. Councillor Kelley stated that bike lanes and cycle tracks do not keep cyclists safe. They are poorly designed with too many sight lines and intersections. He stated that the bike lanes encourage cyclist to travel too close to parked cars. Cyclists get doored. The City needs to figure a better way to discuss this. The City needs to move forward with new data. There is one bike counter. He was unhappy with the bike use information. In Davis Square, at a three way intersection he counted one cyclist every 90 seconds. Cycling

changes rapidly. He stated that bike data needs to include enforcement. Biking is different from driving. Cycling varies with each biker. It is a more complex discussion. He does not think what the City is doing is making things safer. Councillor Cheung stated that the report is helpful. He stated that the City Council is sending mixed messages. He would like to see more biking across the City. It is dangerous when the City Council tries to micromanage what happens on every street. Cambridge is transitioning from driving to different modes of transportation while providing an infrastructure that can accommodate today and adapt to the future. He is concerned that the City Council is sending mixed messages to City departments and staff. Councillor Mazen spoke about more bikes and safer roads on which to bike. He asked if any of the options on the table will be pulled. Mr. Murphy stated that the infrastructure is feasible for both options. He stated that the City is doing a bike envisioning for the City to improve biking in the City. Cambridge is changing with transportation. Biking has tripled in Cambridge over the last ten years. Getting many people involved in the discussion creates a better output. Councillor Mazen stated that he does not think it is fair to curtail the current process. He wanted the options to remain on the table for the discussion; it is not fair to curtail the options prematurely. He also stated that the implementation of a bike lane or cycle track may not be ideal. The options that are being reviewed do matter for bike infrastructure. The support of the Complete Streets option is overwhelming and to discourage this option with the support received would be unfair. Councillor Toomey stated that this is not politicizing; it is listening to the residents who live on the street. They know the safety concerns of the street. There are more dangerous streets for bikers and pedestrians than Pearl Street. The entire City Council wants to see all the streets safe for all and accommodate all the modes of transportation. He does not think the cycle track and the Complete Streets plan are appropriate for Pearl Street. Mayor Maher stated that this woke up the neighborhood. The City Council has supported bike improvements but the street layout is over one hundred years old. He stated that this plan for Pearl Street seems ill conceived. This does not make sense and he is disappointed with the outreach done to the residents in the Pearl Street area. Process and transparency is important and he does not think that the outreach was done to the right people. He hears complaints from the seniors about bikers. This is driving a wedge between pedestrians, motorists and bikers. Western Avenue is not up and running and how does the City know what the impact of this will be on Pearl Street. Councillor Mazen stated that it does not seem that the Complete Streets option is as good as it should be. He felt that it should be left where it is and improve it. Councillor Kelley spoke about urban mobility will put this discussion in scale in a system that is designed for cars and bikes but has an aging population. This discussion was not effective, but the City can learn from this.

# 5 Placed on file

## **SMOKING BAN**

# 6 Insert Agenda Six read by Mayor Maher.

Councillor McGovern stated that he was happy to see the draft. It is a compromise in terms of smoking in public places. He appreciated the amendments. He stated that second hand smoke is a health issue. He stated that the age is the important issue for him. He explained his concern with eighteen year olds buying cigarettes for sixteen year olds. Teenage smoking has declined in communities where the age level was increased. He spoke about the statistics that if one does not start smoking before age 25 they do not smoke. This is an important step in the right direction. Cigars are an issue and is important. He supports this and the amendments.

Vice Mayor Benzan moved suspension of the rules to dispense with the regular order of business in order to bring forward Calendar Item Fifteen, the same being a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.28 entitled "Restrictions on Youth Access and Sale of Tobacco Products and Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places." The question comes on passage to be ordained.

The question now came on suspension of the rules - and on a voice vote the rules were -

Suspended.

Vice Mayor Benzan stated that he found the ordinance to be satisfactory. He noted that in Appendix A that is the list of parks and the smoking status of the parks that at Clement Morgan Park there is smoking around the tot lots. He wanted to restrict smoking in the tot lot. What is the reason it is not allowed. Mr. Lipson stated that the park is large than 15,000 square feet; that is why it is allowed in this location. The tot lot is not fenced in and this is why it was not listed. He stated that because there was no formal boundary with an unfenced area it was not included. The signage campaign will list tot lots that are fenced and unfenced. The fenced in area of the tot lots is included in the ordinance. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that this has impacted his children. How can Clement Morgan Park be listed that it is not allowed. Clement Morgan Park is bigger than 15,000 square feet; the restriction is in smaller parks. He wanted the restriction added to Clement Morgan Park. He wanted signage to include a restriction for marijuana. Mr. Lipson stated that signage is an important part. He stated that the City Council could pass an amendment to restrict marijuana smoking in parks. There was a discussion to include marijuana but because the ordinance was written around tobacco, marijuana was not included because it undermined the bases of the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Benzan spoke about flavored tobacco products sold in convenience stores and the products being displayed as one walks into a store. He stated

that the ordinance proposes to prohibit the sale of these products which is a main reason that he supports the ordinance. He asked what type of educational program will be done with these business establishments who will be restricted from selling these products which could be a significant revenue loss for these businesses. He questioned how long these businesses have to remove these products from the shelves. Mr. Lipson responded that a transitional program was discussed for the parks and the other provisions in the ordinance would become effective upon passage. Mr. Rossi responded that if the ordinance is passed a meeting will be held with the enforcement personnel and try to identify businesses that would be effected in a similar way that was done for no smoking in restaurants. Mr. Lipson stated that the youth tobacco sales are enforced by the staff from the six cities tobacco control collaborative. This is not meant to be an ambush; product education and checking will be done. Mr. Rossi stated that the City Solicitor is suggesting that language be included in the ordinance that states that for the first six months there will be an educational phase. Otherwise the City will have an ordinance that it is not enforcing which is the law. Additional language in the ordinance can solve this problem. He stated that an effective date could be added to provide for the education of the ordinance. Vice Mayor Benzan asked about the comparison of this ordinance throughout the country. Mr. Lipson stated that Cambridge is hardly the strictest community when compared to other communities. Boston has a full prohibition of smoking in all parks including e-cigarettes. He stated that a lot of thought went into these restrictions. Vice Mayor Benzan asked if smoking could be restricted in Clement Morgan Park in the tot lot area. Mr. Lipson stated that this could be included in the park signage campaign. Vice Mayor Benzan asked can the City enforce this. Deputy City Manager Peterson stated that there is no way to call out the tot lot section in Clement Morgan Park; the City Council would have to amend the ordinance to do this. City Solicitor Glowa suggested language that the tot lots could be signed this way to clarify and then it would be a question of signing. She stated that if the City Council wanted to have an educational campaign and a period to allow for outreach to businesses or others she suggested that language to the effect that these provisions will be effective with a stated date. It is not feasible to have a law on the books prohibiting something and not enforcing the ordinance. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that the ordinance could be amended. City Solicitor Glowa stated that language could be added that this ordinance shall be effective in three or six months from ordination or something to this effect. Additional language could be added to include any tot lots signed.

Vice Mayor Benzan moved to amend the ordinance by adding the wording:

The provisions of this amendment shall take effect June 1, 2015.

The question now came on the amendment - and on a voice vote the amendment -  
Carried.

Mayor Maher moved the following amendment:

That the administration ensure that outreach efforts are made to notify establishments of the upcoming ordinance change and that the public at large be made aware of the new ordinance change prior to June 1, 2015.

The question now came on the amendment - and on a voice vote the amendment -  
Carried.

Vice Mayor Benzan moved an amendment that in Appendix A regarding park restricted areas that Clement Morgan Park read "not allowed in tot lot."

Councillor Kelley stated that he agreed with the issue raised by Vice Mayor Benzan. He stated that if the City does not say that smoking is not allowed in a certain area from play structures or play areas then people will smoke in this area or the language should be expanded that no smoking is allowed within 50 feet of a play area. He stated that the solution does not go as far as might be expected. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that the tot lots are the areas that need to be protected the most. He asked if the ordinance clearly protects the tot lots in the City. City Solicitor Glowa stated that the intention of the ordinance was to protect the tot lots and that maybe there was one that was missed. Mr. Lipson explained that Clement Morgan Park was not listed because it was a definitional problem because it was not defined by a fence. He stated that in both fenced in and not fenced in tot lots it was discussed that through the signage and educational campaign the buffer areas around the tot lots should be respected. Defining something that has no formal definition and no fence is difficult. This is the reason that these tot lots were not included. City Manager Rossi stated that the original proposal was to ban smoking outright in parks, but as all the issues were discussed it was tricky.

Councillor Cheung stated that he does not want smoke around the tot lots. He stated that he felt that there should not be any smoking around tot lots. Deputy City Manager Peterson explained that there are not many tot lots around the City that are not fenced in. She explained that Bergin Park is larger than 15,000 feet and smoking is allowed, but the tot lot is large and extends into a play shower area that is geared for the youngest children so it would be difficult to ban smoking in the tot lot at Bergin Park and not the whole park. Bergin Park tot lot is not defined by a fence and is larger than 15,000; this is an unusual circumstance. Councillor Cheung suggested that it be clear that no smoking be allowed in tot lots. Vice Mayor Benzan suggested that smoking be banned within 50-100 feet of all the tot lots. City Solicitor Glowa stated that the intent was to have certainty so that people would be on notice as to which geographical areas this law would apply to. She noted that tot lots that are fenced in have clear geographical boundaries. She stated that with respect to Clement Morgan Park she was hoping that the signage would delineate the area. She was not in favor of



language to include all tot lots or 50 feet from a tot lot because people are not on notice as to what the actual boundaries are where the prohibited activity may not take place. City Manager Rossi stated that he was asked to come up with a compromise. He stated that in his opinion he does not think a compromise is wise because of the confusion that exists for residents as well as for enforcement personnel. He stated that enforcement personnel have to carry Appendix A with them at all times. What was originally proposed was clear and easily understandable by the public. Now this is confusing and difficult to enforce. He preferred a citywide ban of smoking in parks. He stated that now implementation and enforcement is difficult and what is being proposed is confusing.

Councillor Cheung stated that the language regarding e-cigarettes in section 8.28.120 "prohibition of smoking in restaurants" is this allowing e-cigarettes in restaurants. Mr. Lipson stated that e-cigarettes are allowed in restaurants. E-cigarettes are not regulated currently. The original proposal in December did not prohibit e-cigarettes in the workplace. The City Council wanted to see language that included e-cigarettes in the workplace. The workplace restrictions that were put into place in 2003 in bars, restaurants and all workplaces were argued but were won on the basis of evidence. The argument in 2003 was about exposure. If e-cigarettes were banned this is no longer an evidence based policy. This is about perception. This was extended to the workplace which is defined in the ordinance. Councillor Cheung stated that he has seen people go outside to smoke an e-cigarette and now we are reversing that behavior to say that they are allowed inside. He stated that there is no evidence that suggests that second hand vapor from e-cigarettes is as problematic as cigarettes are, but neither is this factual. He stated that all the models he has seen show that second hand vapor smoke is harmful. E-cigarettes also vary from maker to maker. The industry is not regulated. He finds it problematic to allow e-cigarettes inside in restaurants.

Councillor McGovern added to the amendment Raymond Park/Corcoran Park in Appendix A to read "not allowed in tot lot." Vice Mayor Benzan suggested in the future to add a fence to Clement Morgan and Raymond Park tot lots. City Manager Rossi noted that this would be a community process. Mr. Lipson explained that enforcement numbers will be small. He spoke in support of the signage and awareness campaign for tot lots. He thinks that the signage campaign that is consistent across all tot lots will be positive. Enforcement will not be where this will be won; it will be in changing behavior.

Mayor Maher now moved adoption of the amendments offered by Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor McGovern to list in Appendix A that Clement Morgan and Raymond Park/Corcoran Park read "not allowed in tot lot".

The question now came on the amendment - and on a voice vote the amendment -  
Carried.

Councillor Cheung stated that e-cigarettes have not been proven to be harmful nor safe. He moved to amend the ordinance in section 8.28.090 entitled "Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places" and section 8.28.120 entitled "Prohibition of Smoking in Restaurants" by striking out the words in both sections "except that the use of e-cigarettes shall be allowed in any restaurant."

City Solicitor Glowa suggested that if the City Council accepted the amendment made by Councillor Cheung in section 8.28.120 (A) she suggested the following language:

No person shall smoke or use e-cigarettes nor shall any person be permitted to smoke or use e-cigarettes in any restaurant except that e-cigarettes, hookah and water pipe use shall be permitted in any restaurant outdoor seating area other than on public sidewalk seating areas.

Councillor Cheung accepted the wording from the City Solicitor.

Vice Mayor Benzan questioned the provision for hookah and water pipes. City Solicitor Glowa responded that hookah and water pipe use shall be permitted in any restaurant outdoor seating area. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that the restaurant owners he has spoken to are opposed to this. He stated that the amendment by Councillor Cheung is changing all the work that was done on this proposal. This is a major change at the last hour. Councillor Cheung explained to Vice Mayor Benzan that he was not changing the part of the ordinance that he was referring to. He stated that this is allowing e-cigarettes in any restaurant. He wanted to just restrict the use of e-cigarettes within restaurants.

Mayor Maher stated that he was in support of the original language in the ordinance.

The question now came on the amendment and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern and Toomey	- 6
NAYS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor Simmons and Mayor Maher	- 3
ABSENT:	None	- 0
And the amendment - Carried.		

City Solicitor Glowa stated that the words "except that" should not be stricken. She stated that the amendment should read as follows:

No person shall smoke or use e-cigarettes, nor shall any person be permitted to smoke or use e-cigarettes in any restaurant except that e-cigarettes, hookah and

water pipe use shall be permitted in any restaurant outdoor seating area other than on public sidewalk seating areas.

Mayor Maher moved that Agenda # 6 be referred to Calendar # 15 and on a voice vote the motion -  
Carried.

The question now came on passing Calendar #15 to be ordained as amended, which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT ORDINANCE #1363)

On this question the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons and Toomey and Mayor Maher - 9

NAYS: None

- 0

ABSENT: None

- 0

and the proposed amendment was -

Passed to be ordained as amended.

# 8 Insert Agenda Eight read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Toomey asked the City Manager to explain the change in policy where the City can go onto private property. Due to extreme conditions the City can access private property. He asked in relation to composting would food cooked in oil still end up in the trash. He is encouraged by the City taking strong steps with landlords that do not cooperate with the City baiting their property. Public Works Commissioner O'Riordan stated that the City has expanded its program in circumstances where rodent activity is severe on private property. Public Works will provide a contractor who would bait the property in those circumstances. To have this happen there are three things which must happen. If the property owner is willing to clean up the site, the property owner is encouraged to sign a contract with Public Works and Public Works will go onto their property to bait as proposed. If a person is disabled or in need of assistance Public Works will assist in the clean-up of the property, with an agreement in writing. Public Works would do the initial baiting. If a property owner were unwilling to allow access to the property Public Works would secure a court order to allow access to the property. If there is wide spread rodent activity Public Works would seek permission from the property owner to access the property to reduce the infestation. Councillor Toomey stated that he appreciated the action taken by the City. Commissioner O'Riordan stated that rodent-proof trash barrels the City is looking to expand composting. Food material will be placed in compost barrels, there are rodent proof carts. This would reduce trash collected and the rodent proof trash barrels reduce the rodent population in the community. The pilot program in North Cambridge is expecting to be expanded to include the entire route in North Cambridge next year. Based on the success the program will be

expanded citywide on a voluntary basis. This will be revisited to ensure that the program is successful. In theory this should be as successful as rodent proof compost barrels. Councillor Toomey asked if the City would be providing the receptacles. Commissioner O'Riordan responded in the affirmative.

Councillor Cheung stated that composting would prevent food scraps from feeding the rat population. Is there any evidence that these bins are preventing rats from getting food scraps? Commissioner O'Riordan explained that three surveys have been done in the pilot area. The last survey contained a question asking if the participants noticed a reduction in the rodent population. There was a slight dip in the rodent population. The open data set associated with Inspectional Services Department shows that the rodent population is mostly in the eastern part of the City. The sample area is small so it is hard to extrapolate the data. Councillor Cheung asked if it would be feasible for the expansion of the pilot to do East Cambridge as the second part of the pilot. He stated that he wanted to do composting to eliminate the food source. He stated that having the pilot in East Cambridge would make sense to collect the data. Commissioner O'Riordan stated that this can be reviewed. The intent was to expand the current area. Councillor Cheung stated that going to a different part of the City for the second phase of the pilot.

Councillor Kelley stated that this was an interesting overview of the rodent situation. He asked if the City would be providing rodent proof trash barrels. Commissioner O'Riordan responded in the negative. He asked if there is a reason for this. Commissioner O'Riordan stated that there is a cost issue of \$1 million to the community. He stated that the effort is to reduce the amount of trash in the community that is being discharged to landfills. The amount of reduction of trash will be analyzed and this may show that there is no need for a 50 gallon cart for trash. Recycling and composting may be further encouraged. He stated that the City wanted to go through this analysis to determine the size needed for trash. Councillor Kelley acknowledged that the goal is to see the impact of composting.

#8 Placed on file

# 9 Insert Agenda Nine read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that from Portland Street down to Columbia Street, between Main Street and Broadway is close to Kendall Square. The sidewalks from Portland to the river have been improved. He stated that there has not been enough repairs done to sidewalks and streets with the proximity to Kendall Square. He commented that Area Four should have some of the best sidewalks and streets in the City. He asked about the timeline for sidewalk improvements. He noted that Cherry Street is in poor condition.

# 9 Placed on file.

#10 Insert Agenda Ten read by Mayor Maher.

#10 Councillor Kelley exercised his Charter Right.

#11 Insert Agenda Eleven read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that there was no mention of science and math in the report. He stated that he was looking for social and economic justice. He stated that the youth centers are picking up the slack that the schools cannot in terms of science, math and literacy. In the strategic plan for the youth centers he is looking for a connection for the youth to be prepared for the innovation economy.

Councillor Mazen asked about the youth center usage. He stated that he was looking for clear numbers in the report. There is under-usage. He asked what the detailed use of the centers is. Ms. Semonoff stated that there are two programs that operate every day at the youth centers. The licensed capacity of the youth centers for every afternoon are largely met. There are waiting lists for various times. She stated that if she knew what specific data for daily use she could pull the data. She stated that there is no more capacity on a particular day. The programs are licensed programs that the capacity is met. She responded to the building usage for daytime, evenings and weekends. She stated that the one area that she believes is not at capacity is the evening teen program. In the mornings the buildings are used by the schools and child care programs. In the afternoon the building are utilized by our youth programs. In the evenings there may be eighty kids in the youth centers. A large number of youth come for a particular program. She stated that the youth centers are not filled with teens every evening. This is the strategic area that DHSP has to look at with its partners. She stated that the DHSP is participating in the college success program for the teens in the youth centers and is part of the college success initiative. She stated that regarding STEAM she clearly sees a role for the youth centers. There is more that can be done. There are two youth center director positions open and currently applicants are being interviewed. Once these positions are filled the expectation is around the evening programming. She explained that the small programs are strong. A lot more could be done for the teens in the youth centers. She stated that one of the good things for teens in the City is the number of opportunities in the high school and the out of school time are is huge, but that does not mean that there is more that can be done. Councillor Mazen stated he took the ceiling of enrollment as staff and not space. He stated that it would be helpful to have a weekly chart including the programs and the staff time. He wanted information about when the programs are at capacity and when in the day the staff is off. This information will help to understand the youth centers better. Ms. Semonoff stated that she is happy to provide the data but felt that if one wanted to understand the youth centers better she encouraged visiting the youth centers. Councillor Mazen stated that he has visited the youth centers unannounced to see how things are run.

Councillor McGovern asked what the problem that we are trying to fix is. Councillor Mazen expressed concern about underutilization. Councillor McGovern stated that programming is an issue and the connection with the

School Department. Currently it is easier for the schools to communicate with the youth centers about what students are doing and tie this in with the youth centers. He asked about the inclusion program and making sure that children with special needs are included in the programming. Ms. Semonoff stated that this is one of the greatest strengths of the out of school time programs. Many of these students are served at the youth centers. This program has the capacity to provide support and training to allow people to be included in the inclusion program. There are two full time staff whose job it is to provide support for all of the out of school time programs to ensure that inclusion can be provided. There are twenty additional part time staff that work across the program; eight or nine service the youth center for these students. Cambridge is a model in the country.

Councillor Kelley stated that there are two different levels of program at the youth centers. After school programs are licensed by the state. The first part is full and the evening or second part is not as full. He stated that it is good to investigate the issues to see if there is change. He stated that he did not anticipate a different outcome and felt that a huge amount of effort should not be put into this. He stated that everywhere we want the youth to participate there is a difficulty with breaking the barriers. Ms. Semonoff spoke of the areas where there has been a difference but there is more that can be done. She spoke of a science grant from MIT to do an environmental radio program and Microsoft did a similar effort. She stated that the smaller programs with twenty students made a huge difference in the lives of these students. Another valuable service that is provided is being in a safe place for the youth.

Councillor Mazen stated that there are youth centers that are operating under 40 hours a week and he views this space as viable operate 24/7. He stated that there is a youth center that is open twelve hours a week in the summer. He questioned if the underuse comes from a lack of staff or space and does not show in the numbers. Ms. Semonoff commented that the youth centers are designed to serve youth in grades 9-12 and the students are in school until 2 - 3 PM daily and the buildings are heavily used before the students get out of school. It is challenging to program because the programs are geared to when the students get out of school. There is no youth center that is open only 12 hours a week. She felt there was a misperception about the actual hours and utilization of the youth centers.

#11 Placed on file

#14 Insert Agenda Fourteen read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Carlone moved adoption of the order, which reads as follows:  
(HERE INSERT ORDER FOR AGENDA #14)

On this question the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Bengan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons and Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 9
NAYS:	None	- 0

ABSENT: None  
and the order was -  
Adopted.

- 0

#16 Insert Agenda Sixteen read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan moved to place the matter on file.

Councillor Toomey thanked Kendall Square garage, First Street garage and the Galleria Mall owners for the use by residents. He stated that having these garages available for residents is a huge benefit to the City. City Manager Rossi commented that Harvard University had 500 Cambridge residents park in their garages.

Councillor Mazen asked how the City can thank the many organizations and institutions for their assistance in time of need. City Manager Rossi stated that the City does acknowledge them in writing.

#16 Placed on file.

#17 Insert Agenda Seventeen read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Simmons asked the City Manager to move quickly on this or explain what the impediments to launch this program are. She just wants to have a more expeditious way to pay the meter and run. City Manager Rossi stated that this is being reviewed as part of the budget for next year.

Councillor McGovern favored making it easier for people to pay the meter. City Manager Rossi stated that the City is looking into the convenience issue as well as the cost.

#17 Placed on file

#18 Insert Agenda Eighteen read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Cheung commented on the safety improvements made. He stated that there is a perception of safety. City Manager Rossi stated that the City would look at the street lighting to see if it can be improved.

Councillor Simmons pleased that the City is making the area safe for residents.

#18 Placed on file.

#20 Insert Agenda Twenty read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Simmons stated that it would be good to get a sense of what boards and commissioner are doing. City Manager Rossi stated that the minutes of the boards and commission are posted on the website. He stated that the budget also has a lot of information

and if she required more information he would get the information for Councillor Simmons.

Councillor Carlone congratulated the City Manager on the appointments.

#20 Placed on file.

#22 Insert Agenda Twenty-Two read by Vice Mayor Benzan. Vice Mayor Benzan thanked the non-profit coalition for the work done and stated his support.

Councillor Simmons supported the needs assessment. She stated that the timeline is running in tandem. She is pleased with the needs assessment and the governance board being done in tandem.

Councillor Cheung the plan is in line with what he envisioned. He questioned if the funds are being spent down or if an endowment is being established. He wanted money in the fund each year to establish recurring revenue. City Manager Rossi stated that this will be part of the analysis when the City is ready. Councillor Cheung stated that this money is coming in from capital development in the City. He asked what is going toward capital or operational budgets. He would like to hear about this at the end of the process.

Councillor McGovern supported this and asked about the distribution of the funds and whether a portion or all of the funds go to the neighborhood that is experiencing the development. City Manager Rossi stated that these questions will be addressed with the City Council as this issue is reviewed. He stated that there are mitigation funds that are targeted for specific uses in the City which would not be part of this. This cannot be altered; it is fixed by zoning. This is for funding that came in that the City took in in a general way. There is about \$14 million in this fund. Councillor McGovern stated his support for the neighborhoods where the development is occurring to receive a higher percentage of the funds. City Manager Rossi spoke about the anti-aid amendment and the City's ability to grant funding in this process. The needs assessment will be done in an objective way and a hierarchy of needs established. The administration would come back to the City Council will decide how the funds would be disbursed. Then the governance board would disperse the funding. The governance board would be similar to the CPA or the Affordable Housing Trust.

Councillor Carlone asked if the governance board include residents. City Manager Rossi responded in the affirmative.

Councillor Toomey spoke about mitigation and the impact of development on neighborhoods where the development occurred. He stated that some neighborhoods have no development, but have great needs. He wanted to ensure that as the needs assessment is done that the resources are benefitting



those neighborhoods that really need the assistance. The resources should be going to the working class residents, low income families and nonprofits.

Councillor Mazen stated that he supported the nonprofit coalition. He was under the impression that the needs assessment would provide information on the need for space and the need of the community where development is happening. City Manager Rossi stated that a community needs assessment will determine the need in the community. This is going to be a good process. Councillor Mazen stated that he wanted to ensure that the needs are not biased by neighborhood.

#22 Placed on file.

### **Calendar Item Sixteen**

Councillor McGovern moved for suspension of the rules in order to dispense with the regular order of business to bring forward Calendar Item Sixteen, the same being an order requesting the authorization to borrow an amount not to exceed \$39,000,000 for the purpose of refinancing existing General Obligation Bonds to acquire lower interest rates than those currently being paid. The question comes on the adoption of the loan order.

The question now came on suspension of the rules and on a voice vote the rules were -  
Suspended.

The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption to wit:  
(HERE INSERT FINAL PUBLICATION NUMBER 3350)

The question now came on adoption of the order and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons and Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 9
NAYS:	None	- 0
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the order was -

Adopted.

### **NON CONSENT AGENDA RESUMED**

#23 Insert Agenda Twenty-Three read by Vice Mayor Benzan. Councillor Simmons spoke about the \$10-12 per square foot for new development is too much to push this further out. Is it too much to push this to \$15 or \$20. She favored the expansion of the ordinance and the changes suggested. She would

like to see Cambridge do similar to Boston to have the amount per square foot funding going for jobs and job training. She wanted to know the impact on future development. City Manager Rossi stated that this study does not relate to jobs. A new analysis would be required and a new study. He stated that there would always be issues with the competitive edge. A consultant will be at the Housing Committee meeting and will walk through the analysis. The Affordable Housing Trust will also review this and give some guidance. The City asks for mitigation money for storm water and traffic related issues.

Councillor Mazen asked if it were legal for the City to collude with surrounding cities and towns to reduce the competitiveness. City Solicitor Glowa stated that she could not answer this question now. Collusion principals apply to municipalities. The legal analysis has to be with the impact of development on the community. City Manager Rossi stated that the Somerville study was done two years ago and the maximum is \$5.15. He suggested that questions be sent to the Housing Committee Chair so that they can be sent to the consultant ahead of time. Councillor Simmons requested that her colleagues send their questions in advance to her and she would forward them to the City Manager for the consultant.

Councillor McGovern expressed caution about the amount of the fee. He spoke about setting an annual increase. An increase could end up hurting the City.

Councillor Carlone stated that Somerville is different due to lack of commercial development. Somerville gets assistance from the state because of the lack of development. In Cambridge the number of employees almost equals the number of residents. Cambridge is walkable; Boston is spread out. Impacts are broader in Cambridge. He stated that he understands how \$24.30 may be unreasonable. Cambridge is in the middle of the hottest market in the East if not all of the United States. People are here because of MIT, Harvard and Mass Transit. He stated that the most important issue in the survey was affordable housing. He thinks the amount should be higher than \$12. He hopes that this is looked at aggressively.

Mayor Maher stated that the issue is who is covered by linkage. There is an opportunity to increase money and expand who is covered by linkage. He stated that the money that was lost was not significant. This was looked at in 2003 after the adoption of the CPA which brought in more money than linkage.

Councillor Cheung stated that he asked for an update for the Nexus study as far back as 2011. The data shows a worrisome picture. The need far outweighs what can be done with one tool alone. This will determine the future of Cambridge.

Councillor Toomey commented on how much other communities are charging for their linkage and this should be discussed with other communities

#23 Referred to Housing Committee.

### **MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING**

Vice Mayor Benzan made a motion for suspension of the rules to extend the meeting to 12:30 AM - and the motion for suspension of the rules -

Failed on a voice vote.

### **NON CONSENT AGENDA RESUMED**

#24 Insert Agenda Twenty-Four read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Mazen stated that if the notice of disposition is setting up the City to dispose of the building he would need more detail on governance and the model that will be employed. These are important points that will set the building up for success.

# 24 Referred to Calendar Item 14

### **CALENDAR**

- # 1 Tabled on motion of Mayor Maher on a voice vote.
- # 2 Order adopted on motion of Councillor Toomey.
- # 3 Placed on file under Rule Nineteen of the City Council Rules.
- # 4 Tabled on motion of Councillor Cheung on a voice vote. Councillor Toomey voted in the negative on the motion to table.
- #5-14 No action taken
- #15 See above passed to be ordained as amended
- #16 See above order adopted.

### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

None

### **CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS**

- #1-41 Placed on file
- #42 Referred to the petition
- #43-55 Placed on file
- #56 Referred to the petition
- #57-106 Placed on file.

### **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

- # 1 - 91 On motion of Councillor Simmons on adoption all resolutions were made unanimously sponsored.  
All resolutions were adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

### **POLICY ORDERS**

#1-27            No action taken on policy orders.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#1-2            No action taken

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS**

#1-2            No action taken

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor Cheung the meeting adjourned at midnight.

*A list of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting:*

**City Manager's Agenda  
Council Agenda  
CD of meeting**